

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 16 to line 28, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Method 230 analyzes document 235, which is this example is stored in a memory 210, and identifies each region of document 235 that contains a transparent graphics object, a transparent graphics object overlapping a non-transparent object, and no transparent graphics objects. The regions containing transparent graphics objects, or transparent graphics objects overlapping non-transparent objects are converted to bitmaps for printing.

The regions of the document, such as text elements, containing no transparent graphics objects are printed without converting these regions into a bitmap. Printing only the transparent graphics objects and any overlapping objects as bitmaps saves both memory usage, and processing power.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 16 to line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Specifically, non-transparent object check operation 431 determines whether there are any non-transparent objects in metafile 236 that have not been processed. The non-transparent objects may include, but are not limited to text elements, lines, polygons, etc. If there are one or more non-transparent objects that remain to be processed, check operation 431 identifies a current non-transparent object and transfers to overlap check operation 432 and otherwise to generate frames operation 450.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 20 to line 31, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In one embodiment, method 230 is executed on a hardware configuration like a personal computer or workstation as illustrated schematically in Figure 2 by computer system 200. However, method 230 may also be executed on a client-server configuration 250 that also is illustrated in Figure 2. The document containing content and template data may be displayed on a display screen of client device 200 while some or all operations of method 230 are carried out on a server computer 280, which in this example includes a display unit 281, accessible by the client device 200 over a data network 203, 204, such as the Internet, using a browser application or the like.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 22 to line 30, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In yet another embodiment, method 230 is stored in memory 284 of system 280. Stored method 230 is transferred, over network 203, 204 to memory 211 in system 200. In this embodiment, network interface 283 and I/O interface 202 would include analog modems, digital modems, or a network interface card. If modems are used, network 204 includes a communications network, and method 230 is downloaded via the communications network.